Rail infrastructure development in States

2898. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) which States have signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Railways, to form Rail Infrastructure Development Company, to undertake rail infrastructure development in their respective States; and

(b) the major projects taken up by the respective Rail Infrastructure Development Companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The States of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with the Ministry of Railways to form Rail Infrastructure Development Companies.

(b) Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation, a Joint Venture between the Ministry of Railways and the Government of Maharashtra, is undertaking the following major projects in Phase-I for capacity augmentation and systems improvement of the suburban rail transportation system in Mumbai area:

(i) 5th line between Santacruz-Borivali Western Railway.

(ii) Kurla-Thane Additional pair of lines.

(iii) Optimisation of Central Railway suburban infrastructure.

(iv) Optimisation of Western Railway suburban infrastructure.

(v) Optimisation of Harbur line.

(vi) Borivali - Bhayandar Quadrupling.

(vii) Bhayand-Virar Quadrupling.

(viii) DC to AC Conversion of Traction Power Supply.

(ix) Conversion of Electric Multiple Units (EMU) to AC-DC system.

The other two Joint Venture companies with Governments of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh are yet to become operational.

Beautification of railway stations in Rajasthan

2899. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any improvement/beautification has been done at various railway stations in Rajasthan, in 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(b) if so, the details of improvement/beautification plan for railway stations in the State, prepared and sanctioned for the calendar year 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) A list showing works undertaken to improve and beautify various railway stations in Rajasthan during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 is given at Statement-I. (*See* below)

(b) A list showing works planned to be undertaken to improve and beautify various railway stations in Rajasthan during 2002 is given at Statement-II. (*See below)*

Statement-I

Regarding beautification of railway stations in Rajasthan
Works completed to Improve/beautify Railway Stations in Rajasthan During 2000-2001 *and* 2001-2002

Sl.No.	Name of Work
1.	Abu Road - provision of automatic telephone enquiry system
2.	Ajmer - provision of cover over platform on PF No. 4/5
3.	Bandikui - raising of platform
4.	Chittaurgarh - provision of covered shed to Platform No. 1 & 3